

## DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS:

The Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Odisha was established in the year 1982 to improve the performance of the prosecution system. It was however, found that the desired result could not be achieved with the existing system of appointment of Prosecutors under Odisha Law Officers Rules, 1971. Therefore, in the year 1997 Odisha Prosecution Rules were framed to introduce the system of cadre based prosecution. Initially, few posts of Public Prosecutor, Additional Public Prosecutor and Assistant Public Prosecutor were created. But subsequently the Government have created 30 posts of Public Prosecutor for all the 30 districts, 50 posts of Additional Public Prosecutors to improve the standard of prosecution. Two posts of Deputy Director were also created. In the year 2012-13 both the posts of Deputy Director were filled up by giving promotion to eligible Officers from the cadre of Public Prosecutor, Similarly the Odisha Public Service Commission conducted examination for the vacant posts of Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors. Three persons got appointment as P.P. directly from the Bar and three posts of Public Prosecutor were filled up by giving promotion to eligible Officers from the cadre of Additional Public Prosecutor. Though 189 posts were advertised for the post of Asst. Public Prosecutor yet only three could qualify in the written examination and out of those two have been selected for giving appointment. Steps are already taken to fill up the vacant posts of Public Prosecutor, Addl, Public Prosecutor and Asst. Public Prosecutor through the Odisha Public Service Commission. Besides taking step for filling of the vacant posts of prosecutors in all cadre the following steps have been taken to improve the standard of prosecution.

- 1) The Odisha Prosecution Service Rules, 1997 has been suitably amended giving chance to more candidates to participate in the test.
- 2) The performance of cadre Prosecutors are reviewed from time to time and communicated the steps to be taken to improve the standard of prosecution so as to enhance the rate of conviction. ,
- 3) More than 500 Prosecutors from all Cadre have been nominated by this Directorate and they have received training in the Odisha Judicial Academy, Cuttack to improve the standard of prosecution.
- 4) The Prosecutors have been instructed through the Public Prosecutor of the concerned district to follow the guidelines in improving the standard of prosecution.
- 5) The Director Public Prosecution during his visit to different district discussed with the Prosecutors in meeting and instructed them to submit the proposal for appeal without waiting for intimation from the Superintendent of Police in suitable cases so that such proposal can be submitted to the Advocate General in time.
- 6) Altogether 103 numbers of proposal with the views of the Director have been sent to the office of the Advocate General, Odisha, Cuttack for necessary action during the year.